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IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-5 and 8-12.

Amend claims 6, 7, and 13 as follows:

- 1-5. (canceled)
- 6. (currently amended): An expedited method of assembling a software system systems, comprising the following steps:
 - a) fabricating a collection of software systems, each of which contains
 - i) a processing module (PROC_MOD) which processes content of messages;
 - ii) a packaging module (PAK_MOD) which packages messages into packets for transport out of the system;
 - iii) a communication module (COM_MOD) which accepts and delivers message packets; and
 - iv) a system control module (CONTROL) which coordinates the processes of (i), (ii), and (iii);
 - b) during the fabrication of paragraph (a),
 - i) fabricating identical CONTROL modules in all of the software systems;
 - ii) fabricating identical COM_MOD modules in all of the software systems; and
 - iii) fabricating PAK_MOD modules in all of the software systems, such that:
 - A) copies of a software unit A is contained in every PAK MOD module;
 - B) some PAK_MOD modules contain a software unit B with no unit C; and

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- C) some PAK_MOD modules contain a software unit C with no unit B; and
- c) installing the software systems into respective electronic payment switch
- 7. (currently amended): Method according to claim 6, and further comprisingle following step wherein step b) includes:
 - iv) fabricating PROC_MOD modules in all of the software system, such that:
 - A) copies of a software unit D is contained in every PROC_MOD module;
 - B) some PROC_MOD modules contain a software unit **E** and no unit F; and
 - C) come PROC_MOD modules contain a software unit Fain no unit E.

8-12. (canceled)

(currently amended): Method according to claim 6, and further comprising:
e) d) repeating steps of paragraphs (a) and (b) to thereby modify a one or more of the software system systems previously fabricated; and
d) installing the modified software system into an electronic payment switch.

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